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1. WE BELIEVE SPC DEBATE ON THE FRG PROPOSAL FOR UNIT DIS-
AGGREGATION MUST TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE US CAN JUDGE THE
DEGREE OF FRG FLEXIBILITY REGARDING UNIT DISAGGREGATION,
AND PARTICULARLY WHETHER THE FRG WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT
SUBDIVIDING THE "OTHER PERSONNEL" CATEGORY BY NATIONALITY.
IT MAY BE A HOPEFUL SIGN THAT THE FRG HAS CAST ITS PAPER
AS MATERIAL FOR ALLIANCE DISCUSSION, RATHER THAN AS
A FORMAL PROPOSAL. IN THE PAST, THE FRG HAS ALWAYS BEEN
ATTENTIVE TO THE MAJORITY VIEWS OF THE OTHER ALLIES, AND
HAS SOMETIMES MODIFIED STRONGLY-HELD POSITIONS IN RESPONSE
TO THOSE VIEWS. WE ASSUME THAT THE FRG DOES HAVE FLEXI-
BILITY ON ASPECTS OF THE FRG PAPER OTHER THAN THE "OTHER

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PERSONNEL" ISSUE, SUCH AS THE INCLUSION OF DATA ON
DIVISIONS IN THE INITIAL PROPOSAL TO THE EAST.

2. WE CAN EXPECT THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL SUPPORT SUB-
DIVIDING THE "OTHER PERSONNEL" CATEGORY BY
NATIONALITY. UK DELEGATION OFFICER (JANVRIN) TELLS US,
FROM WHAT HE KNOWS OF LONDON'S THINKING, THAT THE UK CAN-

NOT ACCEPT A UNIT DISAGGREGATION APPROACH WITHOUT THIS FEATURE. DUTCH DELEGATION OFFICER (MEESMAN) HAS NOTED TO US THAT THE SUBDIVISION OF "OTHER PERSONNEL" BY NATIONALITY WAS THE KEY FEATURE OF THE DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR FUNCTIONAL DISAGGREGATION (THE DUTCH ARE NOT PUSHING THE FUNCTIONAL ASPECT OF THEIR PROPOSAL). HE THINKS HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD CONSIDER THIS FEATURE "ESSENTIAL" IN A UNIT DISAGGREGATION APPROACH. SIMILARLY, CANADA, DENMARK AND NORWAY HAVE ALL SUPPORTED THE TABLING OF NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS, AND WE CAN EXPECT THEM TO WISH THE "OTHER PERSONNEL" CATEGORY SUBDIVIDED BY NATIONALITY.

3. ITALY IS THE ONLY COUNTRY LIKELY TO SUPPORT THE FRG OUTRIGHT IN NOT SUBDIVIDING "OTHER PERSONNEL" BY NATIONALITY, GIVEN THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR FRG PROPOSALS IN MBFR. BELGIUM IS A QUESTION MARK. IN ALLIANCE DISCUSSION IN EARLIER YEARS ON WHETHER THE AHG SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO TABLE NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS, BELGIUM FULLY SUPPORTED THE FRG POSITION. HOWEVER, IN THE CURRENT ALLIANCE DEBATE, BELGIUM HAS SIMPLY NOTED THAT IT UNDERSTANDS FRG CONCERNS, AND HAS SUPPORTED THOROUGH STUDY OF THE QUESTION. BELGIAN DELEGATION HAS TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT BELGIUM COULD SUPPORT THE TABLING OF NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS AS SOON AS THE FRG COULD, BUT DID NOT WANT TO JOIN THE OTHER ALLIES AND LEAVE THE FRG VIRTUALLY ISOLATED.

4. UK DELEGATION OFFICER HAS ALSO TOLD US HE EXPECTS THAT LONDON WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH THE INCLUSION OF DATA ON DIVISIONS IN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO THE EAST,

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SINCE THIS MIGHT BE TOO MUCH FOR THE EAST TO SWALLOW ALL AT ONCE. (COMMENT: UK DELEGATION OFFICER MADE THIS SAME POINT TO US EARLIER ON INSTRUCTIONS. SEE PARA 1, REF B). THE FRG-PROPOSED BREAKDOWN ON AIR MANPOWER IS THE ONE SUGGESTED TO THE FRG BY THE UK (REF C), BUT UK DELEGATION OFFICER DID NOT KNOW HOW LONDON WOULD REACT TO EXCHANGING SUCH DATA ONLY AFTER THE DISCUSSION OF GROUND MANPOWER, PER THE FRG PROPOSAL.

5. WE EXPECT A SEMI-INSTRUCTED DISCUSSION AT THIS AFTERNOON'S SPC MEETING, WITH FULLY INSTRUCTED EXPRESSION OF ALLIED VIEWS TAKING PLACE AT THE NEXT SPC MEETING, WHICH WILL MOST PROBABLY BE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9.
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